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SUBJ: AGRICULTURE: FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE OUTBREAK IN
BULGARIA ENDED

REF: A. SOFIA A-15; B. SOFIA 39

1. AGMIN OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF ON OCCASION VISIT BY
USDA MEAT INSPECTOR ANDERSON APRIL 12 THAT (1) NO
OUTBREAKS FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE (FMD) HAVE OCCURRED
IN BULGARIA BEYOND TWO PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (REF A);
(2) ALL TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS AND DISINFECTION PROCEDURES
ENDED GRADUALLY DURING JAN- FEB AND (3) BAN ON VISITS
TO MEATPACKING PLANTS LIYNED APRIRB10. ANDERSON
NOT ALLOWED MAKE ROUTINE SANITARY INSPECTION OF RUSE
MEATPACKING PLANT UNTIL THAT DATE. ONLY RESTRICTION
REMAINING IS BAN ON INTRODUCTION LIVESTOCK AT TWO
FARMS WHERE OUTBREAKS OCCURRED. DISEASE REPORTEDLY
CARRIED TO THESE FARMS BY LOCAL VETERINARIAN WHO
VISITED ROMANIA.

2. SAME AGMIN OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF THAT ALLEGED
FMD OUTBREAK AMONG HOGS IN TOLBUKHIN AREA, WHICH
WAS LATER DESCRIBED AS TYPE ODXHOG CHOLERA (REF B),
WAS INIDENTIFIABLE TYPE HOG DISEASE INTRODUCED BY
IMPORT OF BONED PORK FROM PRC AT BURGAS FOR PROCESS-
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ING IN AYTOS. AYTOS PRODUCTS NOT FOR RE- EXPORT.

3. REMOVAL OF NIKOLA NESTOROV AS DEPAGMIN RESPONSIBLE FOR VETERINARY CONTROL APPEARS DUE " ORGANIZATIONAL WEAKNESSES" UNRELATED TO FMD OUTBREAK. HIS RE- PLACEMENT BY ADMINISTRATION- EXPERIENCED FORMER TOLBUKHIN OKRUG PEOPLE' S COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, IVAN DIMITROV, SUPPORTS THIS IDEA. NESTOROV, A VETERINARIUL, NOW HOLDS OBSCURE POST OF DIRECTOR, SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH CENTER FOR LIVESTOCK OF RODOPA AMALGAMATION.

4. SAME AGMIN OFFICIAL SAID GOB PLANS RESUME SHIP- MENTS CANNED HAM TO US SOON BECAUSE ACQUISITION US GAS CHROMATOGRAPHS WILL ENABLE PLANTS TO DETECT PESTICIDE RESIDUE IN HAMS AND TO SHIP TO US ONLY PRODUCTS FOUND FREE OF RESIDUE. MFT OFFICIAL EARLIER SURMISED RESIDUE DUE CONTAMINATED FODDER WHICH CAN BE ISOLATED NOW THAT US CHROMATOGRAPHS AVAILABLE.

5. ANDERSON LEARNED FROM RODOPA OFFICIALS IN RUSE THAT GOB HAS SIGNED EXCLUSIVE CONTRACT WITH ATALANTA FOR SALES CANNED HAMS TO US. CONTRACT WITH OVERSEAS BARTER IN NYC PRESUMABLY EXPIRED. HOUSTON

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